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MR. R. D. LOWRY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
MR. RICHARD E. LEE TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL

The appointment of Mr. R. D. Lowry as Executive Vice President of New England Deaconess Hospital was announced by Mr. Laurens MacLure, President of the Corporation, after a special September 12th meeting of the Board of Trustees. "The Trustees feel that with the Hospital growing in both size and complexity, the need for a new top-level executive is imperative," Mr. MacLure said.

As Executive Vice President Mr. Lowry will represent the Trustees in contact with other medical, educational and research institutions. To facilitate his working more closely with the Trustees, Mr. Lowry also has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Lowry will remain secretary of the Governing Board of the Medical Staff and will continue to meet regularly with chairmen of the departments of medicine, surgery, pathology and radiology. He will also be responsible for the public relations and development programs of the Hospital. His office will be located on the fifth floor of the Medical Office Building at One Ten Francis St.

Mr. Richard E. Lee, present Associate Director and Controller, has been named Director. He will continue to report to Mr. Lowry and will have responsibility for the overall internal functioning of the Hospital. These appointments will probably be followed by other administrative appointments as the functions of some departments are realigned to meet the changing needs of the Hospital.

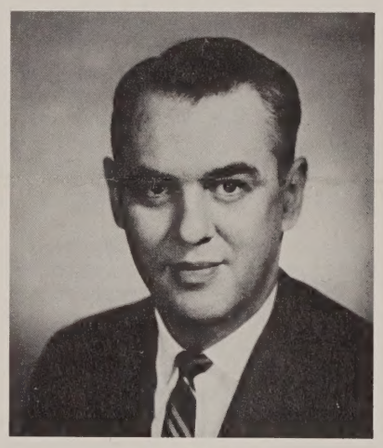
Mr. Lowry came to Deaconess as Assistant Director in 1946 and was named Executive Director in 1954. Prior to coming to Deaconess he served five years in the U.S. Army and at the time of his discharge was a captain in the Medical Administrative Corps.

A past president and trustee of the Massachusetts Hospital Association, he is a member of the American Hospital Association, the American College of Hospital Administrators and the New England Hospital Assembly. Mr. Lowry currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Hospital Council of Boston and as vice president of the New England Hospitals Superintendent's Club.

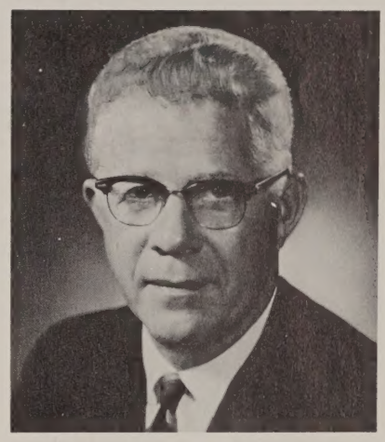
Residing in Dover, with his son and daughter-in-law, David and Carol Lowry, and their two children, Mr. Lowry has two other sons, Donald, who is practicing law in Maine and Steve, who is a student at Hartt College of Music in Connecticut.

Mr. Lee came to Deaconess as Comptroller in 1959 and was named Associate Director last October, after serving three years as Assistant Executive Director.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the American International College in Springfield. A President of the Massachusetts Chapter of Hospital Accountants in 1963, Mr. Lee is currently a member of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Massachusetts Hospital Association.



MR. RICHARD E. LEE



MR. R. D. LOWRY

OBSERVATION UNIT OPENS

The Observation Unit was opened on September 18th after renovation in the Deaconess Two area, where the Thrift Shop was formerly located. Teaching is one of the unit's primary functions. Interns, who were recently accepted as part of the Hospital's ongoing program of post-doctoral education, will be assigned to the unit and will work under the supervision of Dr. James L. Tullis, Chairman, Department of Medicine, and Dr. Cornelius E. Sedgwick, Chairman, Department of Surgery.

The unit was established through the efforts of the Outpatient Clinics Committee of which Dr. W. Bradford Patterson is chairman. It will have equipment for first aid and emergency treatments as well as four beds (two of which will be completed shortly) which staff doctors may use to examine and observe patients up to 24 hours. Although a medical director has not yet been appointed, Mr. Lowry plans to name someone to fill the position as soon as its scope and magnitude has been determined.

The Observation Unit will also be used by the Lahey Clinic, which has assumed responsibility for emergency care of on-duty National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) employees. They may be seen in the unit between 5 P.M. and 8 A.M. weekdays with 24-hour coverage on weekends and holidays. Deaconess Hospital employees and student nurses will be cared for there when the Health Clinic is closed.

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SCHOOL OF NURSING HOLDS COMMENCEMENT

Graduating with honors from the School of Nursing in ceremonies on September 11 were (left to right) Martha Gordon, Kathleen Pfannenstiel, Susan Barrows, Jane Erskine, Bonnie MacAleese, Hazel Gull, Barbara Brown, Mary Ellen Keep, Donna Mowen, Patricia Winget and Joan Bednarz.

This year the School of Nursing graduation ceremonies held on Monday evening, September 11th in John Hancock Hall marked the 69th commencement of the School. Dr. Dana L. Farnsworth, Director, University Health Services, Harvard University, was guest speaker. His topic, "Manpower Problems in Health Professions," welcomed the 41 Deaconess graduates to a significant profession, in which, he said, "about 640,000 nurses now practice and at least 200,000 more are needed."

The convocation was given by Chaplain Ralph A. Curtis; Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Director, presided over the ceremonies; and Dr. Frank C. Wheelock, Jr., Surgeon, Active Staff, delivered the greetings.

The message by Miss Ellen D. Howland, R.N., Director of Nursing, included a parable which transcended the nursing profession in its meaning: "Once there was a beautiful skylark

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THIRD DIET AIDE CLASS GRADUATES—BRINGS ALUMNAE TOTAL TO 24

Diet Aide graduates stand with Miss Charlotte L. Donaldson, Director of Dietetics (far left); Mr. Richard E. Lee, Associate Director (center); and Miss Allison Parker, Instructor (far right). Posing with roses and diplomas are (left to right) Miss Niurka C. Johnson, Miss Judith A. Jackson, Miss Mary Habeeb, Miss Deborah A. Travis, Miss Brenda S. Gray and Miss Gail Paris.

After completing a 9 week (35-1/2 hour) course six new diet aides joined 18 other class alumnae. Graduation ceremonies took place on Thursday, August 31 at 3 P.M. with Mr. Richard E. Lee giving the address.

The class was mostly comprised of employees who worked full-time throughout the summer, but will be part-time in the fall. Mr. Lee thanked each one for demonstrating an interest in providing more skilled food service for our patients. He said that the Hospital considers teaching a most important aspect of its work and is pleased when employees can advance themselves.

Miss Charlotte L. Donaldson, Director of Dietetics, gave each girl two long stem yellow roses in lieu of the caps which had not arrived. She congratulated this last class of the year and reminded all alumnae that learning never stops and the switch to Central Food Service would continue to make their work exciting.

The graduation marked the last day of Miss Allison Parker's service. As instructor for all three classes she received a pair of earrings as a thank you and a token of good luck. Miss Deborah A. Travis presented the gift and refreshments were served.

DOCTORS' DOINGS

Dr. Theodore L. Badger, Physician, Active Staff, had the article, "Recent Advances in Respiratory Disease," accepted for Fall publication in "The Practitioner (London)."

Dr. C. Cabell Bailey, Physician, Active Staff, attended meetings of the International Diabetes Association in Stockholm from July 31 to August 4.

Dr. Bradley E. Copeland, Pathologist, Active Staff, was elected President, Massachusetts Society of Pathologists.

Dr. Francis M. Ingersoll, Surgeon, Active Staff, traveled to Beirut, Jerusalem and Cairo on a combination pleasure trip and as a lecturer at the Middle East Medical Assembly.

Dr. Joseph E. Murray, Surgeon, Active Staff, attended surgical meetings in Paris and Munich at the beginning of the summer; then with his family camped throughout central Europe and spent a week mountain climbing in the Swiss Alps.

Dr. John W. Norcross, Physician, Active Staff, is president-elect of the Massachusetts Medical Society, not president as reported in the July-August issue.

Dr. Melvin P. Osborne, Surgeon, Active Staff, spoke on "Mechanisms Controlling Gastric Secretion" at the University of Glasgow in Scotland and the University of Paris.

Dr. Robert F. Tilley, Physician, Active Staff, attended the International Congress of Dermatology in Munich, Germany.

EMPLOYEE NOTES

Mr. Richard E. Lee, Associate Director, is a nominee in the American College of Hospital Administrators, conferred at the 33rd convocation of the group on August 30 in Chicago.

Mr. Dean A. Annis, Assistant Controller, was elected secretary of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Association of Hospital Accountants.

PROFILE . . .

Miss Katrin M. Weber, summer recreation supervisor at Hospital Teaching Unit, helps three of the children make pink papier-mâché pigs.

Painting papier-mâché pigs pink could perhaps be a pleasantry for people of all ages, but at the Hospital Teaching Unit the participants are practically all children. Under the delicate guidance of Miss Katrin M. Weber, a junior high school art teacher of four years standing, creative amusements abounded for the diabetic children who came to the second floor Teaching Unit at the Joslin Clinic this summer.

Miss Weber's pink papier-mâché pigs were happily put out to pasture in the homes of about a dozen tots. She directed projects as various as basket weaving, making beaded rings and working with gimp (a plastic covered wire easily braided into lengths of bracelets or dog leashes). Besides handicrafts, entertaining films were also scheduled.

Originally from Estonia, a small country north of Poland which was overtaken by the Russians in 1940. Miss Weber now lives in Wakefield with her family. She was graduated from the Massachusetts College of Art which is located on Brookline Avenue, and then joined the Danvers school system.

A recreation supervisor is not needed at the Teaching Unit during the school year, when the census of children drops, but Miss Weber decided to stay at Deaconess anyway in another department. She is the Teaching Coordinator for the School of Medical Technology. When asked how she would make use of her art capabilities she mentioned a hope to continue watercolor painting in her spare time.

OBSERVATION UNIT OPENS

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Nurses attending an organizational meeting regarding the Observation Unit are (left to right) Mrs. Michele H. D'Alfonso, Staff Nurse; Mrs. Marie B. Hanlon, Staff Nurse; Mrs. Chilla K. Merrill, Night Supervisor; Miss Jean M. Hopkins, Supervisor; Miss Elizabeth M. Hutt, Staff Nurse; Miss Anna C. Smith, Staff Nurse; and Mrs. Laura Cheney and Mrs. Karen A. George, both Assistant Night Supervisors. Absent from the picture is Mrs. Ruth M. Fowler, who will also be a staff nurse in the unit.

Deaconess Two South was a patient area in the original Deaconess Building. Suction and oxygen outlets remained in what are again patient rooms and plumbing fixtures existed nearby. The Maintenance and Engineering Department has done an excellent job in transforming the space into a modern vestibule (for protection from the outside entrance), waiting room, nursing station, doctor's office, examining room and the two semi-private patient rooms.

Besides a house officer and a registered nurse on each shift, the staff will include the hostess, Miss Nancy Newell, who will provide clerical assistance under the direction of the Deaconess Two unit coordinator, Mrs. Helen Robinson. The interns who will serve in rotation through the unit are Dr. John Sturzenberger, Dr. Frances Dary, Dr. Daniel McDonald and Dr. Eliot Pearlman.

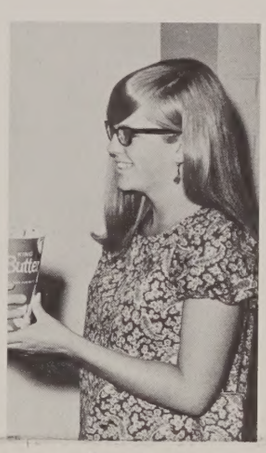
THEATER PARTY ENDS SEASON FOR CANDY-STRIPERS

Mrs. Irma A. Kellner, Director of Volunteers, assembles volunteers in the theater lobby.

Barbara Asnes and Paula Muldoon

A theater party complete with giant boxes of hot buttered popcorn marked the end of a season of volunteering for the over 75 teenage volunteers from the Greater Boston area who donated their time to Deaconess Hospital this summer.

Linnea M. Henry, whose mother is a unit coordinator at the Hospital Teaching Unit, volunteered over 250 hours in the Gift and Flower Shop, Coffee Shop and the Patient Service Department. With volunteer time amounting to more than 6 full 40-hour weeks, Linnea contributed more hours than any other junior volunteer this season.



Linnea Henry

Sheryl Samoff, Greta Cagle, Martha Thompson and popcorn.

Wayne Spencer, Elly Lotto and Don Levin meet outside the theater.

All summer volunteers received the American Hospital Association Certificate of appreciation and those students who gave over 50 hours were given the teenage volunteer pin. Barbara Asnes, Greta Cagle, Cindy Caruso, Pat DeLong, Bryna Harfield, Paula Muldoon, Cindy Piltch and Sue Ann Wolpert saw their hours rapidly accumulate because they substituted for absent volunteers and would often come in more than their scheduled time.

Elly Lotto, who attends Clark School for the Deaf, worked in the Gift and Flower Shop and in Patient Service. Her will to master speaking and lip reading earned the admiration of all with whom she came in contact. Elly refused to succumb to any communication difficulties by writing notes or using sign language.

Brad Maxwell, a nephew of Mrs. Margaret M. McLean, Health Coordinator found a different area in which to volunteer. He worked in CRI several times a week cleaning animal cages.

Margie Kaplan and Linda Starr were back for their third season. Margie, Diane Goulston and Ellen Tanner worked throughout the school year as tray servers one day a week from 3:30 to 6 P.M. Eleanor Natola and Veronica Spina also came in year round to help weekends in the Coffee Shop.

In addition to the volunteers mentioned above, Susan Burrill, Judy Goldberg, Janet Kennedy, Paula Richman, Sheryl Samoff, Martha Thompson, Merle Hyman, Sheryl Tobin and Debbie Elkin received a pin for over 50 hours of service.

Mrs. Irma A. Kellner, Director of Volunteers, says this is her fourth summer working with the teenage volunteers and that all the qualities of the ideal volunteer—a willingness to help, cheerful disposition, maturity and cooperative spirit were present in the group of students that served us this summer. The highest praise she can think to offer is that she would truly welcome each person back.

School of Nursing Commencement

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who sang as he soared high above the earth. Toward evening, he flew down to the earth and saw a tiny coach drawn by four tiny horses, with a tiny man who called out, 'Earthworms for sale. Who will buy my worms?'

The skylark was hungry. He asked, 'How much are they?' The man replied, 'Two skylark feathers for one earthworm.' The bird considered, then thought of all his feathers. Surely he could spare two. So he bought one worm and ate it greedily.

The next day he searched for the little man again. He bought another worm. The following day he did the same, and continued until that sad day came when he could fly no more. Panic-stricken, he scratched wildly for worms and went to the tiny man and said, 'I have worms to buy back my feathers.' But the man said, 'I only buy feathers — not sell them.'

As the cold winter came on, the little bird died and was buried. It is said that above his grave the other birds of the air placed this epitaph:

'Here lies a poor, lone skylark,
Hush your note, each bird that sings;
Here lies a poor lost skylark
Who for earthworms sold his wings'."

After Miss Howland told the story, she added, "As you 'fly from the nest', it is our earnest desire that you yield not to the cry of the 'earthworm sellers', but that your wings of idealism, enthusiasm and great potential for good can lift you above the temptations and enticements which might affect the natures of your characters and the depth and breadth of your study and the quality of your practice."

Mr. Laurens MacLure, President of the Corporation, presented the diplomas. Mrs. Hazel Constantine Gull received the Alumnae Association Scholarship Award for the outstanding student in the graduating class. Mrs. Gull was graduated with honors as were Martha Gordon, Jane Erskine, Joan Bednarz, Patricia Winget, Donna Mowen, Bonnie MacAleese, Susan Barrows, Barbara Brown, Kathleen Pfannenstiel and Mary Ellen Keep.

Susan Johnson received an award by the Faculty and Nursing Service Councils for the student in the junior class most deserving of special recognition at this time. Other juniors being recognized with honor in addition to Miss Johnson were Margaret Buckley, Susan Young, Sara Witham, Linda McAlister, Mary-Lee Skelly, Dara Young, Elaine Clifford, Nancy Tattersall and Carol Robbins.

WE WELCOME . . .

New full-time employees include: **Miss Rachel S. Ingraham, Miss Mary E. Kimball, Mr. Victor R. Vissa,** Administrative Services; **Miss Ellen A. Garnett, Miss Sharon A. Kilton, Miss Sharon P. O'Toole, Miss Sharon E. Walsh,** Dietary; **Mr. Gerald H. Bloom, Mrs. Melvin W. Henryes,** Housekeeping; **Miss Carolyn E. Cleland,** Blood Bank; **Miss Joan F. O'Neil,** Anatomic Pathology; **Miss Constance E. Burr, Miss Kathryn A. Moriarty, Miss Sharon A. Newham,** Clinical Pathology; **Miss Stella M. Alley, Mr. Ismael Torres,** Laundry; **Mr. Antonio Rosario,** Grounds; **Mr. Robert C. Croft,** Maintenance; **Miss Nancy J. Anderson, Miss Ann G. Catabia, Miss Margaret A. Cole, Miss Michele D'Alfonso, Miss Karen D. Dold, Miss Patricia D. Feeley, Miss Judith A. Ferrarini, Miss Marie V. Fraser, Miss Maureen E. Hameson, Miss Jacqueline Hanson, Miss Rosalie M. Kovar, Miss Ann McDermott, Miss Ann McDonald, Miss Janet Towle, Miss Patricia J. Ziemba,** Nursing; **Miss Mary E. Haynes, Miss Moira K. Quinn, Miss Kathleen Sisley,** Special Care Unit; **Miss Flora L. Marotta,** Patient Service; **Miss Lucie A. Lapierre,** Personnel; **Miss Kathleen A. Jenkins,** Patient Service; **Mr. Herbert K. Jemmott, Mr. Bonaday C. Beck, Mr. Malthi B. Rao,** Research - C.R.I.; **Mr. Douglas A. Tompkins,** Radiology Diagnosis; **Miss Margaret M. Haag,** SWRL; **Mr. Henry R. Carlisle,** Surgery; **Miss Susan Anderson,** Cardio-Pulmonary.

HOBBY

Hobbies are usually relaxing, but what if your hobby is 60 high school kids? Mr. Edward F. Brown, Business Manager at the Cancer Research Institute, is busy three nights a week, numerous weekends and countless other hours handling the Everett Statesmen Senior Drum and Bugle Corps. Since his son, Eddie, was ten years old, Mr. Brown has volunteered his time to the organization and helped it advance to this, the "winningest" year in Statesmen history.

The Corps just captured the International Standstill championship held in Nashua, New Hampshire and Mr. Brown received the key to the city. Competing in the Eastern Massachusetts and the Mayflower circuits as well as the International, the Statesmen won the Mayflower Points Trophy this year and will represent that circuit in championships on September 24th. Pulse went to press before the results of the Eastern Massachusetts championships were known, but the Statesmen were hopeful of winning the September 17th event.

Eddie, Jr., is the first soprano bugle player in the contest routine, which starts with a fanfare and includes Poinciana, the Statue of Liberty Theme, In the Still of the Night, Georgy Girl and Thunderball. The group has done so well that it will play in class A next year.

Managing the Statesmen is a $15,000 a year business. From funds raised by winning competitions, marching in parades, collecting dues, running raffles and participating in public ceremonies, the organization hires its own instructors, furnishes uniforms, buys musical instruments and provides transportation to distant events. Drum and bugle competition not only teaches an appreciation of music, but it can give youngsters a chance to become decent young men and women who value discipline and hard work. Mr. Brown is proud of everyone in the Corps and he says, "If they win it's certainly because they deserve it."

Mr. Edward F. Brown helps a segment of the Everett Statesmen Drum and Bugle Corps prepare for a performance. His son is at the extreme left in row one.

Just In Passing

Mr. Keating watches as the chimney behind the Laundry is dismantled. He was foreman for its construction in 1952.

Oh, well, we've got more going up than going down around here.

Brick by brick the old incinerator chimney was dismantled. As it left the face of the earth most of us barely noticed. After all it hadn't been in use for four years.

Mr. Neil Keating was caught eyeing it a few times however, and we discovered his first job as foreman was building that chimney. He worked for Sawyer Construction then; and now as an Assistant Maintenance and Engineering Director at Deaconess he watched it disappear.

"Hope they don't do that to everything I had a part in building," he quipped. But Mr. Keating may take comfort in the fact that a four man crew had to spend eight days tearing it down.

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Bowling has started! Anyone interested in the weekly Thursday night competition is welcome to contact Mr. Roger G. Peterson, Laundry Manager.

Almost gone!

JOIN THE CHORUS

Once again there will be music in the air emanating from Building E Amphitheater of Harvard Medical School as the unique Harvard Medical Chorus resumes its weekly rehearsals on Tuesday, September 26, 1967, at 6 P.M. The Chorus, entering its tenth anniversary season, is open to all Harvard Hospital nurses, secretaries, technicians, professional staff, medical students — persons in any way associated with the area Harvard teaching hospitals.

The group of 80-100 persons who, it has been said, enjoy "singing good music well," was founded ten years ago this season by Dr. James Walker, former Director of Ambulatory Services at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. It is the only singing group of its kind in the country.

Currently Dr. Walter Gamble, staff cardiologist at the Children's Hospital Medical Center, is Chorus President.

New Library Books

New books in the Patients' and Employees' Library include: **The Princess** by Gunnar Mattsson, a biography of the author's wife who miraculously recovered from cancer; **La Vida:** a Puerto Rican family in the culture of poverty — San Juan and New York, by Oscar Lewis; **The New Industrial State** by John Kenneth Galbraith, a fresh look at the evolving American economy; **Portrait Of Adlai Stevenson,** by Alden Whitman, a well documented biography of the late politician and diplomat; **We Never Meant To Go So Far** by Mavis Ronson, the story of a vacation that became a five year journey throughout the Middle East and Asia; **The Time Is Noon** by Pearl Buck, an autobiographical novel based on the early life of the author; and **Wide Sargasso Sea** by Jean Rhys, the recreation and expansion of a character who appeared originally in Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre.

UNITED FUND KICK OFF

Have you ever thought how awful it would be not to be asked to do anything?

There are, we suppose, many lonely people who never are asked and want to be, and some who are but don't want to be bothered.

You certainly are not in either group if you work for the Deaconess family. You have been and are being asked to do many things every day — even things which sometimes are not very pleasant but which just have to be done for the good of all here.

Some other things — like giving to the United Fund — may not be pleasant ——— but they are for the good of each one of us in every community.

I know you will do your very best this year by using the payroll deduction method to make your gift easier.

Yes, somebody will soon ask you again to do something worthwhile — but this is better than not at all.

Our hospital campaign will begin on Monday, October 2 and end on October 13. Please help your department solicitor fulfill his job.

Maurice Fremont-Smith

Director of Development

Check Social Security

The Social Security Administration suggests checking your Social Security account from time to time. This is an especially necessary step for those who have changed employment.

If you wish a statement of your social security earnings, the Personnel Office has a supply of cards for this purpose, which can be picked up and mailed at any time.